



Consular Section  
P.O. Box 302  
Bridgetown, Barbados

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

One of the requirements to apply for an immigrant visa is a medical examination and certification of good health by the Embassy-designated facility. The Diagnostic Clinic is open Monday to Friday. You should appear there between 8.00a.m. and 8.30a.m. The clinic is closed on Barbadian holidays but open on United States holidays.

The physician will not conduct an examination until you present your passport and visa appointment letter. Each applicant is required to present three (3) passport-size photographs for this process. It is not necessary to make an appointment with the clinic. All visa applicants, regardless of age, need a medical exam. **Applicants should bring their immunization and medical records to the medical exam. Please ensure that your immunization records are as up to date as possible.** If you live in Barbados you should have your medical exam done as soon as possible. If you live in any other country, please plan to spend two to three days in Barbados prior to your interview to allow sufficient time to complete the medical examination and vaccinations. Children under the age of 15 will not need a chest X-Ray, serological test or A.I.D.S. test, unless required by the examining physician. Results of the examination, including X-Rays, will be given to you to present to the Embassy on the day of your visa interview.

**NOTE: ONLY THE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED PAGE IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THESE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. NO OTHER MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE EMBASSY. YOU MUST REPORT TO THE CLINIC NO LATER THAN 8.00 A.M. IF YOU DO NOT REPORT BY 8.30. A.M. YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED THE SAME DAY, AND YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO STAY IN BARBADOS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.**

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION FEES

The fees to be charged to each visa applicant for the complete medical examination conducted at the facility are the Barbados equivalent of US \$170.00 per adult, and US \$80.00 for minors under 15 years of age. The above charges are broken down as follows:

Physicians Fee	\$ 80.00 US
Chest X-Ray with radiologist report	\$ 55.00 US
RPR (Blood & Urine Test)	\$ 9.00 US
Taking of blood and transporting to hospital for A.I.D.S. Test	\$ 6.00 US
H.I.V. Test (see note over)	\$ 20.00 US
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 170.00 US</b>

### **FEES FOR IMMUNIZATIONS IF REQUIRED TO BE DONE BY CLINIC ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

To administer required immunizations	<b>\$ 20.00 US</b>
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**A BLOOD TEST FOR ANTIBODY TO THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) IS REQUIRED AS PART OF YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION IF YOU ARE AGE FIFTEEN (15) OR OLDER. HIV IS THE VIRUS THAT IS THE CAUSE OF THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS). AIDS IS THE NAME GIVEN TO A GROUP OF ILLNESSES WHICH MAY OCCUR IN PERSONS INFECTED WITH HIV. INFECTION WITH HIV CAUSES A DEFECT IN A PERSON'S NATURAL IMMUNITY AGAINST DISEASE. THIS DEFECT LEAVES INFECTED PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT WOULD NOT USUALLY BE A THREAT TO ANYONE WHOSE IMMUNE SYSTEM WAS INTACT. THIS TEST IS NOT TO DIAGNOSE AIDS, BUT TO DETECT ANTIBODIES TO THE VIRUS. IF THE RESULT IS POSITIVE, IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU HAVE AIDS OR WILL GET IT.**

**THE RESULTS OF YOUR TEST WILL BE PROVIDED TO A CONSULAR OFFICER. ALSO, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN THIS COUNTRY.**

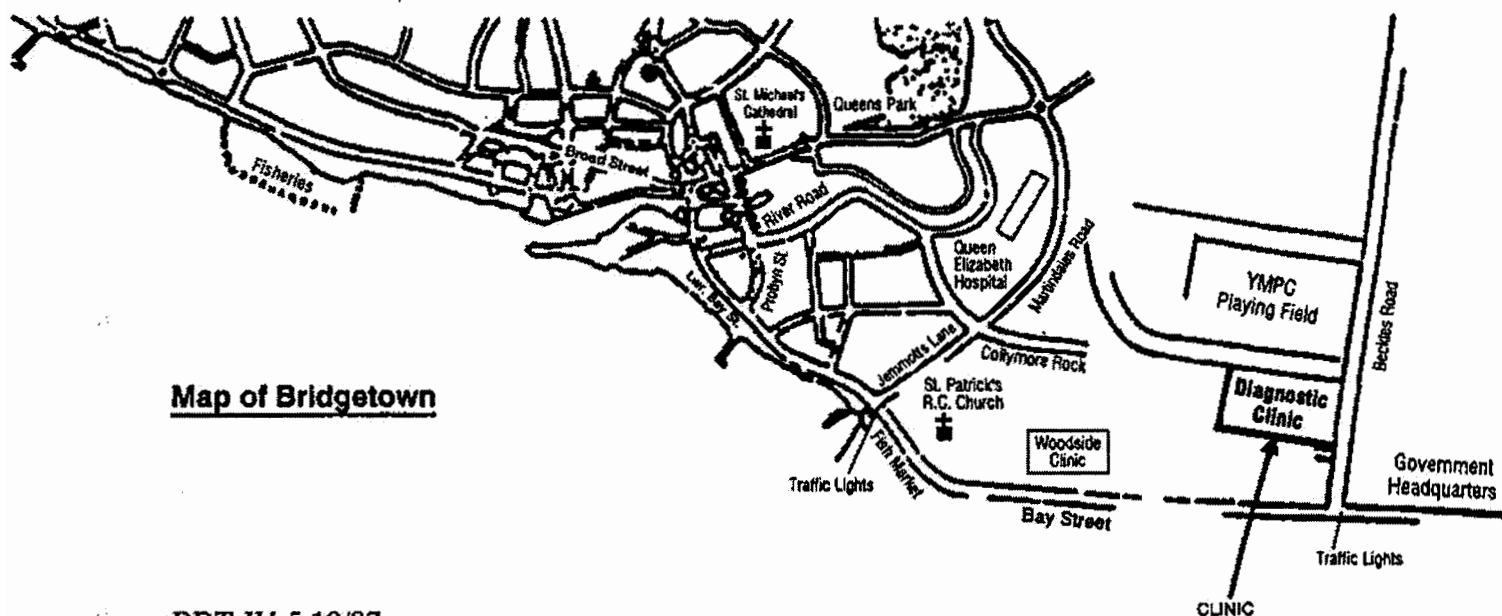
**A POSITIVE TEST RESULT WILL MEAN THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VISA. A POSITIVE TEST COULD ALSO HAVE OTHER LOCAL CONSEQUENCES ON YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY.**

**Repeat X-Rays shall be US \$25.00 each, serology repeat tests shall be US \$10.00. The rate of exchange used in determining the equivalent of the above fees in Barbados dollars is currently US \$1.00 = BDS \$1.98. THE FEES PAYABLE TO THE FACILITY MUST BE PAID IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHEQUE IN BARBADOS DOLLARS.**

### **APPROVED MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

The Diagnostic Clinic  
Beckles Road, St. Michael, Barbados.  
Telephone number 426-5051 or 426-5053

Dr. Roger Goddard, Mr. Arthur R. Edghill CBE, Dr. Sandra Reece  
Dr. Hawkins-Voss



**VACCINE FEES:**

Measles (only)	\$ 15.00 US
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	\$ 20.00 US
Polio (oral)	\$ 15.00 US
D.P.T. (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussus) Age 2 months to six years	\$ 10.00 US
Hepatitis B	\$ 25.00 US
D.T. (Diphtheria/Tetanus) Over six years to adult	\$ 15.00 US
H.I.B. (Haemophilus Influenza B)	\$ 25.00 US
Varicella (Chicken Pox) Age 1 year upwards	\$ 70.00 U.S
Hepatitis A Age 12 to 23 months	\$ 80.00 U.S
Meningococcal Age 11 to 18 years	\$ 70.00 U.S
Pneumococcus (Type PPV)	\$ 30.00 U.S

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS**  
**CONCERNING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**RECENT CHANGES TO UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION LAW NOW REQUIRE IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS TO OBTAIN CERTAIN VACCINATIONS (LISTED BELOW) PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN IMMIGRANT VISA.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE**

Panel Physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the new vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations.

**MUMPS, MEASLES, RUBELLA, POLIO, TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS, PERTUSSIS, INFLUENZA TYPE B (HIB), ROTAVIRUS, HEPATITIS B, HEPATITIS A, MENINGOCOCCAL, HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, VARICELLA, PNEUMOCOCCAL**

In order to assist the Panel Physician, and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, **all immigrant visa applicants must have their vaccination records available for the Panel Physician's review at the time of the immigrant medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular Health Care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. This record must include dates vaccinations were given.** If you do not have a vaccination record, the Panel Physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the Panel Physician. You are also requested to bring to the medical examination any documentation on any treatment you may have had for blood infections, including Syphilis.

**Only a Physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.**



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RECENT CHANGES TO THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION LAW NOW REQUIRE IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO THE MEDICAL FACILITY.

**INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE**

Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify the medical history of the applicant. **Where applicable**, immigrant visa applicants must present a letter from their family doctor indicating previous and current medical conditions, names and doses of medication, frequency of their use, and the length of time since diagnosed with this condition.

Persons who wear spectacles must bring them to the Clinic, along with a letter from their optician or their ophthalmologist if they are attending one.

**Failure to present these letters could result in a longer waiting time before the "MEDICAL" can be completed.**

Each applicant attending the Diagnostic Clinic to complete a medical examination for an immigrant visa must present three recent identical colour photographs. Failure to bring your photographs will result in a delay in completing your medical examination.

**Applicants going to the medical facility may have their normal breakfast before proceeding to the Diagnostic Clinic.**

**APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST REMOVE ALL CLOTHING FOR THEIR EXAMINATION.**

The following is a list of hotels in and around Bridgetown, Barbados. Some applicants will have to stay overnight in Barbados when applying for their visas, due to flight times/restrictions. It is intended solely to assist applicants in arranging accommodations in Barbados. The United States government does not take responsibility for the rates charged or services rendered by these establishments. The information that follows is subject to changed. (If calling from overseas, dial 1-246 in front of the numbers below).

<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Distance from Bridgetown</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Discounts/Special</b>
Amaryllis Beach	2.5 Kilometers	Hastings	438-8000	10% off for caricom residents
Broomes	1.5 Kilometers	Pine Gardens	426-4955	Transportation included
Just Home	1.5 Kilometers	Aquatic	427-3265	Taxi service available
Coconut Court	2.7 Kilometers	Hastings	427-1655	10% off for Caricom residents
Golden Beach	2.5 Kilometers	Hastings	426-6784	15% off for caricom residents
Island Inn	1.5 kilometers	Aquatic Gap	436-6393	
Jendal Villa Apartments	4 Kilometers	Kingsland Garden	420-9269	Transportation available to the Embassy
Kingsland Palace Guest House	5 Kilometers	Kingsland	420-9008	Transportation available to the Embassy
Nautilus	1.5 Kilometers	Bay Street	426-3541	Self Service Apartments With housekeeping service
Pirates Inn	3.5 Kilometers	Hastings	426-6273	10% off for Caricom residents
Regency Cove	3.5 Kilometers	Hastings	435-8924	10% off for Caricom residents
Arjan Apartments	4. Kilometers	Spooners Hill	438-6112	Transportation Available
Sholan Inn		Coverly	428-0039	20% off advance bookings
Sierra	3 Kilometers	Hastings	429-5620	
Sunshine Beach	3 Kilometers	Hastings	427-1234	Winter & Summer rates
Summer Hayes Apartments	1 Kilometers	Pine Road	436-5404	Discounted rates available. Transportation available
Almanda Beach	3.8 Kilometers	Worthing	435-6693	10%discount for Caricom resident